

Subject: Re-purposing the Silver Lake Reservoir
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Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District



Friend --

I have several updates out of Silver Lake that I want to share with you, especially since each one might affect constituents in every part of my district.

First, last weekend I went door-to-door to visit neighbors around Dillon Street for my monthly [Councilmember in Your Corner](#) event. I shared with residents that I collaborated with the Bureau of Street Lighting on a pilot program to add more lights to better illuminate the 101 Freeway underpass, making it safer for pedestrians and eliminating the potential for any illegal activity. The news was well received, and I plan on implementing this project in other underpasses throughout the district.

Next, we celebrated some much needed sidewalk enhancements to the intersection of Micheltorena Street and Sunset Boulevard near Micheltorena Elementary. The work included the installation of 'bump outs' to extend the sidewalk and increase accessibility, re-striping the crosswalks for improved visibility, upgrading dozens of traffic signals, and installing six new lights on the Micheltorena stairs to help pedestrians feel even safer at night. There are many people who made this project possible, as you'll read in the post below.

Finally, [I went on a tour of the Silver Lake Reservoir](#), which is currently undergoing a major diversion project due to federal mandates on water storage. As a result, the community is now left with a blank canvass -- an opportunity to re-envision the reservoir, dream big, and think of ways to repurpose the area. I will now lead the efforts, along with my colleague Councilmember David Ryu, to start this conversation. I want an all-in approach, and I am looking forward to hearing your ideas. We will have community meetings on this topic in the coming months, and I will let you know when we have secured some dates.

Warm regards,

Mitch O'Farrell

HEADLINES

VIDEO: LA City Council paves way for Target construction to resume [\[CBS\]](#)

Silver Lake's Bellevue Recreation Center gets some long awaited fixing up [\[EASTSIDER\]](#)

Project in Hollywood makes crossing safer [\[BEVERLY PRESS\]](#)

Councilmember O'Farrell: "the state has followed our lead" in raising legal smoking age [\[FACEBOOK/LA TIMES\]](#)

COMING UP - COUNCILMEMBER IN YOUR CORNER - ELYSIAN VALLEY



ELYSIAN VALLEY - Join Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on **Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.**, for his next beautification event and community walk to meet neighbors and distribute important contact information for free city services.

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O'FARRELL, SILVER LAKE COMMUNITY DEDICATE MICHELTORENA IMPROVEMENTS



SILVER LAKE -- City officials, members of the Silver Lake community, and a group of local students dedicated the completion of a Safe Routes to School Project that provides even greater accessibility to sidewalks, more visible crosswalks, and improves the overall look and feel of the streets around Micheltorena Elementary School on Sunset Boulevard.

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O'FARRELL CUTS THE RIBBON ON NEWLY INSTALLED FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT BELLEVUE REC CENTER



SILVER LAKE - Councilmember O'Farrell, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and a group of local parents dedicated the newly installed fitness equipment at Bellevue Recreation Center. The fitness equipment was made possible through city funds, as well as a \$5,000 contribution by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. The park is seeing lots of attention lately. Earlier this spring, Councilmember O'Farrell planted five new melaleuca trees on the western edge of the city facility, and staff is currently working to get a new ADA compliant sidewalk installed along Marathon Avenue near the park driveway.

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ARMY CORPS TO REMOVE TEMPORARY BARRIERS ALONG LA RIVER



LOS ANGELES RIVER -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of removing some of the temporary protective barriers that were placed along the most vulnerable reaches of the Los Angeles River. These barriers were placed as an interim risk reduction measure due to the reduced capacity in these sections from accumulated sediment and vegetation.

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VOTING UNDERWAY FOR PROJECT #HIFILIGHTS



HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN - Voting is now underway for the #HiFiLights streetlight project - a public art design contest to accompany the installment of 54 new pedestrian street lights along Temple Street in the heart of Historic Filipinotown. The artists focused their work on the themes 'kapayapaan' meaning harmony, 'kapwa' meaning humanity, and 'lakbay' meaning mobility. "There were many beautiful artistic interpretations of the themes, and I expect Angelenos will have a difficult time deciding between which artist's entry to select," said Councilmember O'Farrell. "Temple Street is one of the great commercial corridors in the 13th District and any of these designs would give it a greater cultural identity. I am eager to see which one is chosen!"

[CAST YOUR VOTE HERE](#)

TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE - RENO STREET STAIRS



SILVER LAKE - During one of the Councilmember's recent community outreach events, several volunteers from the LA Dream Center and Los Angeles Fire Department Station No. 6 joined Team Mitch for a clean up of the North Reno Street public stairway, located between Bellevue Avenue and London Street. The Central City Action Committee also removed graffiti from the well traveled passageway. Good job, all! See an area in your neighborhood that could use some attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in the Councilmember's Echo Park District Office at 213-207-3015.

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

HOLLYWOOD - [City Planning released the update to the Hollywood Community Plan](#)

GLASSELL PARK - [O'Farrell to discuss new Fletcher Streetscape project at community meeting](#)

ECHO PARK - [36th Annual Echo Park Lake Lotus Festival](#)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember O'Farrell presented Jodie Foster with a proclamation in honor of the actor and director receiving her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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